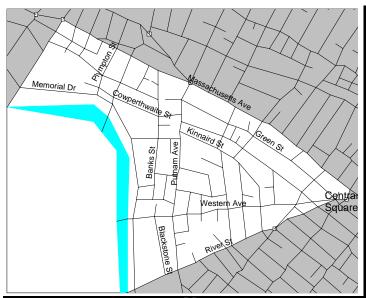
# NEIGHBORHOOD 7 RIVERSIDE





**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, the Charles River, and JFK Street

**POPULATION:** 11,201 residents

3,341 households

#### **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

\$27,415

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officer cars) and Cars 6R and 10R (1 officer cars). Also included within its boundaries are walking routes 7A and 7B

## COMPARISON OF 3<sup>RD</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	17	26	45	31	28
Street Robbery	8	15	8	9	12
Auto Theft	22	16	42	29	24
Larceny from MVs	42	19	27	33	22
Malicious Destruction	56	65	85	71	52
Drug Arrests	12	11	18	13	13

#### 2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

Half of the street robberies took place during the first quarter. Five of the twelve robberies resulted in an arrest. Overall, street robberies tended to take place from Fridays to Sundays, particularly between the hours of 11PM and 4AM. • Similar to other neighborhoods, housebreaks peaked during the third quarter. These were mostly daytime breaks. Five of the total housebreaks were attempts, and in three other incidents the victims knew the perpetrators. There were two arrests for housebreaks in Riverside. Most of the targeted locations were apartments and laptops were a popular item for theft. • Auto thefts were highest during the second quarter. Sixteen of the twenty stolen vehicles have already been recovered. There were several Acuras stolen, but other than that there was no real dominant car make targeted for auto theft. • Larceny from motor vehicle has decreased. There have been several days when multiple cars were targeted on a particular street. These incidents included a parking garage on Massachusetts Avenue and the areas of Kinnaird and Franklin Streets. Stereos were the prominent theft target. • Saturdays and Sundays were the top days for malicious destruction to property incidents. These incidents were lowest during the third quarter and tended to occur during the nighttime. Areas of repeat incidents included the 200 block of Western Avenue and the 1100 to 1200 blocks of Massachusetts Avenue, during the summer months. • The majority of drug arrests were made during the third quarter. Six of the thirteen arrests were the result of investigations carried out by the Special Investigations Unit, while two were the result of standard motor vehicle stops. Most of the arrests involved the possession or use of marijuana.

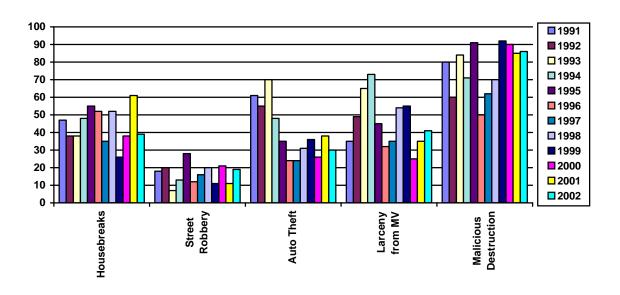
### **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

Riverside has the fourth highest population in the city, but it ranks well below the average for almost all index crimes. Along with its ten thousand residents, Riverside has two housing developments (Putnam Gardens and the River-Howard homes), two major parks (Hoyt Field and Riverside Press Park), and many commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue. Several Harvard University dormitories and other properties occupy the northwestern quarter. Riverside's borders also encompass the United States Post Office and the Cambridge Police Department headquarters.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the northwestern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on university property.

- Malicious destruction is the only crime that has not shown a significant average decline in Riverside since
  the 1980s, though it is low compared to the rest of the city. Most of this vandalism occurs to motor vehicles.
  Occasional patterns of this crime over long holiday weekends have been a problem in the past.
- Street robberies are low for a neighborhood of Riverside's population, but they remain a pressing problem. Most of these incidents are on Western Avenue. Riverside has an exceptionally low housebreak rate for its size; a few clusters appear on Franklin and Kinnaird Streets, and at Putnam Gardens.
- The only neighborhoods with lower **auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** totals have less than half of Riverside's population.

#### **ANNUAL TOTALS**



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE AREA TARGET CRIMES							
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*		
Housebreaks	83	7	43	6	8		
Street Robbery	34	4	17	6	2		
Auto Theft	92	9	41	9	7		
Larceny from MVs	87	7	48	9	10		
Malicious Destruction	78	9	74	8	7		

<sup>\*</sup>Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest